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FOLLOWING REPEAT TAIPEI 4310 ACTION SECSTATE JUL 7

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 04310

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SUBJECT :: WRITTEN STATEMENT BY CH'EN CHU

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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF WRITTEN STATEMENT BY CH'EN CHU ISSUED TO PRESS BY TAIWAN GARRISON COMMAND (TGC) AT TIME OF HER RELEASE ON JULY 6, AS REPORTED IN LOCAL CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS

BEGIN QUOTE. IN THE PAST NINE YEARS, I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT I HAVE BEEN IN PURSUIT OF AN IDEAL. IN THE PAST NINE YEARS, I HAVE ALWAYS SPARED NO EFFORT IN SEEKING FOR AN IDEAL UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH I HAD NO CHOICE AND MADE NO DISTINCTION OF WHAT IS RIGHT AND WRONG. THUS, I WAS CONVINCED THAT I HAD AN IRREPLACEABLE SENSE OF MISSION WHICH FORCED ME TO THINK

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THAT MY OPPOSITION WAS FOR JUSTICE AND I SUFFERED FOR JUSTICE AND TRUTH. FOR A YOUTH WITH ROMANCE AND ENTHUSIASM, THIS SENSE OF MISSION ONLY GIVES A YOUTH UNJUSTIFIED COURAGE AND TRAGIC HEROISM. THE PEOPLE, EVENTS AND THINGS AROUND ME HAVE ALWAYS GIVEN ME AN UNHEALTHY UNDERSTANDING. THEREFORE, I DIDN'T BELIEVE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S SINCERITY AND EFFORTS. I FOLLOWED

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BLINDLY AND I WALKED FORWARD BLINDLY.

HOWEVER, IN THE PAST TEN DAYS, I HAVE HAD MANY FEELINGS. IN THE OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT TWO WORLDS, I HAVE RID MYSELF OF MANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND PREJUDICE. I HAVE BEEN TREATED WELL SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT ALL FRIENDS ON EQUAL STAND. I KNOW THAT I WAS WRONG. I KNOW THAT IN THE PAST I LOOKED AT THE SKY FROM THE BOTTOM OF A WELL AND THEREFORE THE SKY WAS ALWAYS DARK AND NARROW. I KNOW IT IS UNFAIR TO DENY THE WHOLE BY PART OF IT. I THOUGHT THAT I WAS ENGAGED IN REDUCING THE HARDSHIPS AND SUFFERINGS OF ALL PEOPLE. MY DEVIATION IN IDEO-LOGY LEAD TO MY ERRORS IN BEHAVIOR WHICH BROUGHT MUCH MORE SUFFERINGS TO ALL THE PEOPLE.

IN THE PAST TEN DAYS, FRIENDS EXPLAINED TO ME WITH PATIENCE FROM EVERY ANGLE THE REASONS OF EVENTS AND HELPED ME TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE FACTS AND KEYPOINTS OF THINGS SO AS TO PROVE THAT ALTHOUGH THE PURPOSE OF MY THINKING IS LOVELY, WHAT I ADVOCATED AND WHAT I HAVE DONE ARE TOO IGNORANT AND TOO FOOLISH. I HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED THE UGLINESS AND PERSONAL DESIRES COVERED BY A BEAUTIFUL SURFACE. BECAUSE OF MY BELIEF IN THE GOOD NATURE OF HUMAN BEINGS, I HAVE TRUSTED TOO MUCH IN OTHERS WITHOUT DOUBT. NINE CONFIDENTIAL

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YEARS HAVE PASSED. WHO WASTED MY BEAUTIFUL NINE YEARS? IN THE PAST NINE YEARS, WHAT HAVE I DONE? IN A SUDDEN REFLECTION, THE NINE YEARS ARE BUT A LONG NIGHTMARE.

IF YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED NOTHING TO THE NATION AND SOCIETY, WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO DESTROY? YOU DESTROY AT WILL THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WORKED INDUSTRIOUSLY DAY AND NIGHT.

THESE REMARKS OF THE ELDERS MAKE ME FEEL SHAMED. IT IS NOT THAT I DON'T HAVE THE CONSCIENCE OF KNOWING WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG. I HAVE STRONG PATRIOTISM AND ASPIRATION. IT IS THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WASTED MY ABILITY IN A WRONG WAY. ALTHOUGH I DID NOT MEAN TO DO HARM TO PEOPLE, THEY WERE HARMED INDIRECTLY BY ME. WHAT A GREAT SIN IT IS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LOVING CALL OF MY AGED PARENTS AT THE COUNTRY HOME MAKES ME FEEL MORE GUILTY. I CANNOT HELP ASKING MYSELF: WHY HAVE I DONE THESE THINGS?

IN THE FUTURE, I WOULD LIKE TO END THE LIFE OF THE

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PAST NINE YEARS AND LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW BEGINNING.
I DON'T CARE HOW MANY DAYS WILL BE NEEDED TO BUILD
THE FUTURE. WHAT I WOULD DO IS TO WAIT.
FOR THE PUBLIC AND FOR MYSELF, I DON'T HAVE ANY REQUEST.
I MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY MISTAKES. BUT, IF THE
RETURN OF A PRODIGAL SON IS VALUABLE, I ASK FOR A CHANCE
OF REFRESHING MYSELF. I WOULD LIKE TO INFLUENCE MY
YOUNG FRIENDS WITH MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND TO ACT
AS A BRIDGE FOR CONSTRUCTING A SOCIETY OF HARMONY.
AT A TIME WHEN THE NATION IS IN DANGER, WE MUST
TRANSFER THE BLOCKING FORCE INTO THE HELPING FORCE.
IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE MAGNANIMITY WHICH THE GOVERN-
MENT SHOWS TO ME WILL MOVE MANY FRIENDS, INCLUDING
THOSE IN FOREIGN LANDS. THEY WILL BE MOVED BY THE LOVE
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AND TOLERANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

AS A CITIZEN, IN ORDER TO REWARD THE GOVERNMENT FOR
ITS MAGNANIMITY, I WILL STICK TO THE
ANTI-COMMUNIST STAND AND WILL HELP PREVENT WITHOUT
EXCUSE THE EXPANSION AND INFILTRATION OF THE COMMUNISM.

MY LIFE OF THE PAST NINE YEARS HAS MADE ME TOO TIRED
AND THE PAST TEN DAYS HAVE GIVEN ME A FEELING WHICH IS
HARD TO EXPLAIN. THE LAW ALWAYS PREVAILS AND FREEDOM
IS VALUABLE.

I SHALL ALWAYS BE THANKFUL FOR THE NICE TREATMENT,
THE RESPECT AND THE LOVE OF FRIENDS AT THE
HEADQUARTERS. THE SERIOUS AND CAREFUL WORKING AT-
TITUDES AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THESE FRIENDS COMMAND
MY SINCERE ADMIRATION. END QUOTE. UNGER. UNQUOTE
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